

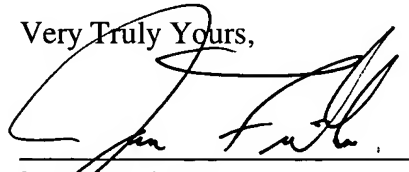
REMARKS

In the Office Action, claims 1-11, 19-24, 32-34, 45, 47 and 49-61 were allowed. Claims 12-18, 25-31, 35-37, 41-44 and 46 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112 as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which the Applicant regards as the invention. Claims 12-18, 25-31, 35-37, 41-44 and 46 were also provisionally rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 101 as claiming the same invention as copending applications. In response to the Restriction Requirement, Applicants affirm election of Group I without traverse. Accordingly, claims 38-40 and 48 have been withdrawn from consideration.

The Applicant thanks the Examiner for allowing claims 1-11, 19-24, 32-34, 45, 47 and 49-61. The Applicant hereby cancels rejected claims 12-18, 25-31, 35-37, 41-44 and 46. The Applicant requests that the Examiner enter the amendments herein, and move the allowed claims toward issuance.

If, in the Examiner's opinion, a telephonic interview would expedite the favorable prosecution of the present application, the undersigned attorney would welcome the opportunity to discuss any outstanding issues, and to work with the Examiner toward moving the application towards issuance.

Very Truly Yours,



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